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SUBJ: NEW THAI ELECTION LAW

1. AS FURTHER EVIDENCE OF RTG'S INTENTION TO HOLD GENERAL
ELECTIN BY APRIL 79, AS PUBLICLY PROMISED, CHIEF OF RTG'S
ELECTION DIVISION CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF MAY 19 THAT THE GOVT IS
IN THE PROCESS OF DRAFTING AN ELECTION LAW WHICH WILL BE
SUBMITTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AS SOON AS THE NEW CONSTI-
TUTION IS APPROVED. THE OFFICIAL ALSO NOTED THAT HE HAS RE-
CENTLY REQUESTED SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE
FISCAL YEAR TO ENABLE THE ELECTIONS DIV TO CONTINUE A SERIES
OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS FOR PROVINCIAL AND LOCAL OFFICIALS
WHO WILL BE HELPING TO SUPERVISE THE ELECTIONS.

2. OFFICAL CONCERNED WAS ACTION OFFICER WHO SUPERVISED ELECTIONS
OF 75 AND 76, GENERALLY CONSIDERED TO HAVE BEEN CONDUCTED
HONESTLY AND EFFICIENTLY. HE AND OTHER RTG OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN
CONSIDERING VARIETY OF WAYS OF ENCOURAGING HIGHER VOTER
TURNOUT THAN IN PAST ELECTIONS, WHERE NUMBER OF VOTERS HAS
BEEN LESS THAN 50 PERCENT OF NUMBER OF ELEIGIBLE TO VOTE.
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